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Within a few more days the public will know whether Bob Fitzsimmons is the grand old fighter he was a short time ago or if George Gardner has the cleverness to win and the stamina to stand up against the Cornishman's terrible punches. Fitzsimmons and Gardner will fight at San Francisco next Wednesday night for the light-heavyweight championship of the world. Gardner has been having a hard time in his battle with Jack Root, and Fitzsimmons is anxious to win it. Interest in the big fight is increasing. Both men have been on the battleground quite a while. They have been looked over carefully while in training and their strong and weak points argued pro and con, and, after a general summing up, the spectators concluded to install Fitz the favorite.

er the ages of the men, has not been snapped up by Gorman's bookies, and opinion among the students of the game is that odds will remain firm until "forty-eight" hours before the fight, when the condition of the men will be the swivel that will cause the price to turn.

Age and a poor pair of hands are Fitz's big handicaps, and he is not the type whose friends figure he will have to win, say, within ten rounds, or suffer defeat. This is the opinion of the bookies, who are of the opinion he has said he would prolong the fight as long as possible, and by so doing have to have the old man limp enough to punch him over the ropes. But the bookies are not the only ones with cleaverties during his training. The San Francisco fight followers have also watched him with a keen eye, and they are in line with Gardner. They say that Ferguson

son, although as big as a mountain, has the spirit of a child. He is a man who is certain to whip most of the big men against whom he is matched. They say that he will win in the future and will put up a great battle against Jeffries.

Young Corbett is now in San Francisco to take on Eddie Hanlon next month for the featherweight championship. Corbett says he esteems Hanlon as the hardest man in the feather-weight class and that Hanlon's decisive victory over Benny Yanger has raised his reputation in the East. Young Corbett says he expects to win; and he is so used to receiving decisions he doesn't care who wins. He says he is confident he can beat him. He says he will be able to put Hanlon out before the twenty rounds are over.

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REPUCE OF THE COWARD.

Suicide—The Refuge of the Weak.

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Chicago Inter Ocean.

The popular idea of suicide, undoubtedly, is that it is more commonly the result of an excess of emotion of some kind. The men whom most of us think of as likely to kill themselves are those who are "strong" men who love and hate heroically, who are violently impatient of physical injury, and who are so constituted that they are fully conscious that it possesses their whole being and they become insane. . . .

But the more common cause of suicide is invariably. . . . But Professor Bailey, of Yale, in his recent statistical study of suicide in the United States found that it is so far from being the majority of actuated by passion. He has collected it calls of 10,000 suicides in the United States, and he has analyzed them with respect to the age, sex, social relations and other common factors. He has found that the most frequent or apparent causes of their self-destruction are . . .

and health, insanity, disappointment

love and strong drink do lead to suicide, but they are causes much less potent than the cause of the woman's despair. The frequent cause is what is known as "despondency"—the feeling that the victim has no chance of escaping her fate. She has no purposes and that furthest struggle against the obstacles that confront him is hopeless.

More than three men kill themselves to one woman as long been known. Remembering what the chief cause of suicide is, it is not surprising why this is so. Between the ages of twenty and fifty, when two-thirds of the suicides occur, the man is struggling for himself and a woman, already married, is struggling for herself and sought. Hence, when a man finds that he has lost the woman he loves, he has lost his life. He has lost not only for himself, but also for the woman.

The further conclusion seems to be

through the barriers of life, it often brings agonizing questions to the mind. These barriers are impassable. Suicide was long ago called the last refuge of the coward. Many a man who has seemed, it is practically true, to have frequent causes prove that self-murder is not so strong, but the same render of the weak.

The Small Boy Again.
Philadelphia Record.

There are some very much embarrassed young men on a Germantown avenue car yesterday and their ruffled feelings were due to an excellent specimen of a small boy. The little fellow, in all fashionable garb and, judging from their remarks, had been ushered into the car by a female attendant. One of the young men, who was evidently enjoying the admiration displayed by the feminine portion of the car, turned to his neighbor and said, "Look at that little fellow. He is as uppish as their high shine pieces of headgear had turning up to his mother, and in a few minutes he will be as much of a snob as any of the fellows in every part of the car." "More why don't they can't drivers ride on the car?"

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as possible, and by so doing hope to have the old man limp enough to push him over. Gardner has shown wonderful speed and cleverness during his training. The San Francisco fight followers have also watched the work of Sandy Ferguson, who is boxing with Gardner. They say that Ferguson is a big man, but has not the speed and quickness of Jimmy Britt and is certain to whip most of the big men against whom he is matched. They say that he will in the future be able to put up a great battle against Jeffries.

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but they are causes much less potent than business losses, while the most frequent cause is what is known as "symplicity"—the feeling that the victim has made a failure in accomplishing his purposes and that further struggle against the obstacles that confront him is hopeless.

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twenty and fifty, when two-thirds of the world is in the hands of a few nations, and the masses are struggling for himself and a woman, already found or sought. Hence, when a man feels that he has failed the weight that falls upon him is double. He has failed not only for himself, but also for the woman.

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